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BIG VICTORY FOR BYRD RESOLUTION

A Proposition to Investi-
gate the Corporation
Commission.

SENATE SENDS IT TO A COMMITTEE

Little Doubt That It Will Be
Adopted To-morrow and That
the Committee Will Get
to Work During
the Coming
Week.

Interest in legislative circles yesterday
was largely, if not entirely centered in
the State Corporation Commission, an
investigation of the affairs of which is
ordered in the Byrd resolution which
swept through the House of Delegates
with little opposition and went at once
to the Senate, where it was, after some
hesitation referred to a committee for
a report with recommendations at a later
date.

On the House side something of a flurry
was caused by an objection raised by
Mr. Lowry, of Bedford, who after sug-
gesting that the Byrd resolution, which,
he said, seemed to pre-suppose wrong-
doing be laid on the table, offered an
amendment providing that the commis-
sioners be simply requested to furnish
an explanation of why they dismissed
Messrs. Lantier and Tyler from the ser-
vice. The sentiment in favor of an in-
quiry, however, was overwhelming, and
Mr. Lowry finally withdrew his amend-
ment. When the passage of the resolu-
tion was communicated to the upper
branch, several senators were in favor of
immediate concurrence, but others in-
sisted that the step should first be
carefully considered, and this feeling
prevailing, the matter went to the Com-
mittee for Courts of Justice, which will
meet Monday. Judge Phlegar, of Mont-
gomery, indicated that he was in posses-
sion of some important information which
would make this course desirable, but
he declined to reveal the nature of this
information.

In other respects the sessions of the
two branches were not of striking im-
portance. The House passed the Senate
bill aimed at land-grabbers. The Senate
after a rather amusing discussion de-
clined to reconsider the veto by which
the act relating to the practice of
dentistry in Virginia was passed several
days ago. A number of interesting new
bills were offered in both houses. Manu-
facture petitions continue to pour in.

THE SENATE.

Byrd Resolution Sent to Commit- tee—Not So Many Mann Petitions

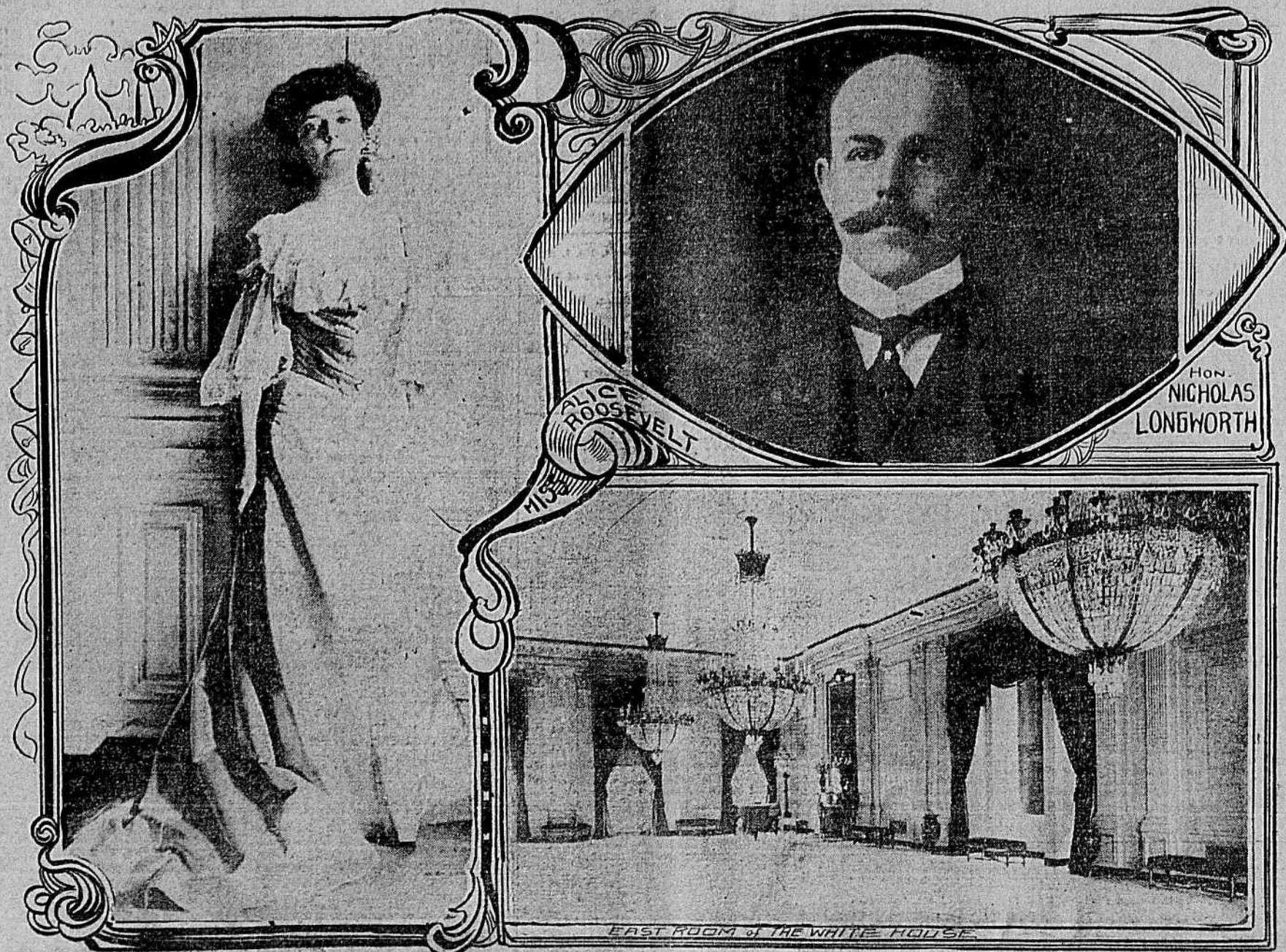
Fewer senators than usual were present
when the session began at noon, with
President Ellyson in the chair. New bills
and Mann law petitions were not so
numerous as on the day before, but
several of each came in under the call.
A resolution offered by Judge Phlegar,
of Montgomery, providing that after Mon-
day the daily session shall begin at 11:30
A. M., was adopted by a majority of one.
The Richmond, Fredericksburg and
Potomac bills, reported favorably by
the Finance Committee, were fixed as a
special and continuing order for Tues-
day next at 12:20 P. M. The Patterson
demurrer bill, on request of its patron,
was passed by and continued as a special
order until 12:20 P. M. on Tuesday.

By a vote of thirteen to eleven, the
Senate refused to reconsider the vote by
which the Shands bill, relating to the
practice of dentistry in Virginia, was
passed. In the opinion of Mr. Thomas,
of Lynchburg, this bill conferred quasi-
governmental functions upon the dental
association, allowed it to collect taxes
and disburse them for its own benefit,
and was further, he declared, a manifest
attempt to compel every practitioner in
Virginia to become a member of the
organization and submit to its dictation,
whether he desired to do so or not. It
was pointed out by Mr. Shands that the
bill was drawn and endorsed by all the
official dental bodies in Virginia, and that
its real object was to prevent the opera-
tion of fakes. In eloquent words the
Southampton senator pictured the havoc
being wrought upon Virginia teeth by
these fakes—the excruciating pains, the
horror of shattered molars, the ruthless
destruction of the pearls of fair demoiselles.
The tremendous considerations in-
volved in this bill overpowered the Sen-
ate, and reconsideration was denied.

Action upon the House joint resolution
calling for an investigation of the Cor-
poration Commission was postponed.
Several members were in favor of im-
mediate concurrence, but at the instance
of others, who declared that the matter
was one of great importance, should be
looked into carefully. The resolution was
referred to the Committee for Courts of
Justice, Judge Phlegar, of Montgomery,
while stating that he might eventually
vote for the resolution, indicated that he

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Portraits of Bride and Groom and Photograph of East Room Where Wedding Took Place



WEDDING ENDS GIRLHOOD DAYS OF MISS ALICE

Fair Daughter of Nation's
Head Becomes Mrs.
Longworth.

SIMPLE CEREMONY OF RING SERVICE

Yet Few Brides of Royal Birth
Have Received More Tributes
of Affection.

TO SPEND HONEYMOON AT M'LEAN'S COUNTRY HOUSE

An Old Shoe and Showers of Rice
Descend on the Couple As
They Leave the White
House in An
Auto-
mobile.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17.—
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth left
the White House by the south entrance
at 4:10 o'clock this afternoon, entered
a large automobile and were driven rap-
idly away. It is understood that they
went to "Friendship," the country resi-
dence of John R. McLean, on the Tenal-
lytown Road, which is located about six
miles from Washington. As they entered
the automobile they were showered with
rice by Ethel and the other children. Mrs.
Longworth was handed into the car by
Major MacCawley. Mr. Longworth en-
tered on the other side, assisted by his
best man. The President and Mrs.
Roosevelt, Mrs. Captain Cowles and the
other members of the family stood on
the steps of the White House and waived
them out of sight. An old shoe was
thrown at them by one of the ushers and
fell on top of the automobile. It was
there when the machine was last seen.
The crowds gathered in front of the
White House were not apprised of the
departure of the bride and groom.

Wooing Ends; Cooing Starts.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 17.—
Alice Lee Roosevelt and Nicholas Long-
worth were married in the East Room
of the White House at noon today, the
culminating scene in a love story, the
progress of which has been watched by
the nations of two continents with interest
never before shown in an American
couple's wooing.

A thousand guests, members of the
families of the contracting parties, in-
imate friends, representatives of high
official life, at home, and of foreign gov-
ernments, saw the young people plight
their troth. Never before has the old
White House, the scene of so many
brilliant events, witnessed such a beau-
tiful ceremonial as marked the "cent"
marriage celebrated within its walls. And
none of those which preceded this last
one could compare with it in point of
brilliance and splendor, if that word be
not too strong.

It was a splendid wedding. Not only
the incidents of the day, nor the features
of the ceremonial itself must be taken
into account. The event has been antici-
pated from one end of the country to the
other. The press has made the features
of the bride and groom as familiar to
the citizens of Tombstone and London
and Sitka and St. Petersburg and Hono-
lulu and Manila and Hong Kong and Pe-
oria and Berlin as they are to the people
of Washington, who have learned to
know so well in the course of the past
five years. While gifts have been showered
upon the bride from every State of the
Union, they have also come from
every land, sovereigns and governments
vying with each other in the splendor of
their presents. The daughter of the
ruler of the greatest nation of the earth.

Differs From '74's Event.

It was not a state wedding in the sense
that the taking of a consort by one of
the rulers of Europe is a state wedding,
but the marriage has a national signifi-
cance none of the less important. Thirty-
two years ago Nellie Grant stood in the
spot Miss Roosevelt stood to-day and be-
came the bride of Algonquin Sarcosis.
Her father was then President of the
United States. The country had just
emerged from a terrible internecine
struggle, the bloodiest of modern times.
The future of America was uncertain.
She did not have an assured footing
among the nations, and her place at the
international council board was very near
the foot of the table. The marriage of
Nellie Grant, who, now a widow, witness-
ed the ceremony of another daughter of
the White House to-day, was not counted

THE CHATHAM INSTITUTE BURNS

Eighty Girl Students Escape
From the Building Un-
injured.

JUMPS FROM SECOND STORY

The Loss Twenty-Five Thousand,
With Fourteen Thousand
Insurance.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHATHAM, VA., February 17.—The
Chatham Episcopal Institute was burned to-
night with a loss of \$25,000. The fire
originated from a defective flue on the
second floor of the Swanson Hall.

The school has about eighty girl board-
ers, all of whom escaped without a
scratch except one girl who jumped from
her window on the second floor and was
slightly injured. Nothing was saved
from the rooms over the hall. Contents of
the other rooms were mostly saved,
which included the trunks of more than
half of the students.

Mrs. L. May Willis, principal and in-
structor in art, lost everything in her
studio, which contained some valuable
paintings.

Rev. C. O. Pruden, president of the
board of trustees, lost his library and
personal effects. The institute was in-
sured for fourteen thousand, divided
among the Virginia Fire and Marine In-
surance Company, Virginia State In-
surance Company, Petersburg Savings
and Insurance Company and the Conti-
nental Insurance Company.

All of the students and teachers were
quickly provided for by the citizens.

Mrs. Gula Ill With Fever.

Mrs. Grover C. Gula, formerly Miss
Faith Hope, of Petersburg, is ill with
typhoid fever at her residence, 1506 Park
Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hope,
her parents, are at her bedside.

Mrs. Gula was married about a year
ago, her husband being district manager
of the American Tobacco Company.

URGES AN ACTION AGAINST M'CURDY

Justice Peckham Calls Attention
to Mutual's Former President's
Proposed Trip Abroad.

SHOULD START SUIT AT ONCE

Jurist Emphasizes Mistake to
Permit McCurdy to Get Away
Before Bringing Action.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, February 17.—The recom-
mendation that a suit be instituted
against Richard A. McCurdy, former
president of the Mutual Life Insurance
Company, is made in a letter written by
United States Supreme Court Justice Ru-
fus W. Peckham to the special investi-
gating committee of the Mutual and made
public to-day. The letter states that the
suit should be begun before Mr. McCurdy
leaves this country for Europe, as is his
reported intention, and its object should
be to recover money which Mr. McCurdy
may owe the company.

In making this letter public, Charles A.
Peabody, president of the Mutual, gave
out a letter of his own, in which he
said that he does not think Justice Peck-
ham will have any reason to find fault
with the action of the company relative
to the matter to which he refers. The
Peckham letter was given to Mr. Peabody
by William H. Truesdale, the chairman
of the Mutual's special investigating com-
mittee, to whom it was originally written.
Justice Peckham was formerly a trustee of
the Mutual Life Insurance Company. His
letter, dated at Washington, Febru-
ary 12th, is as follows:

"I see that it is publicly stated that Mr.
McCurdy is preparing to leave for Europe
to remain indefinitely, and I think it
would be an inexcusable mistake for the
Mutual Life Insurance Company to per-
mit him to leave the country without the
commencement of any action against him

In the name of the company to recover
the money he owes it.

"The Attorney-General might properly
find fault that the company was not it-
self doing its utmost to reach the money
wrongfully obtained by Mr. McCurdy, the
chief delinquent in the case. I take the
greatest interest in the matter, and I
feel as if an action ought to be commen-
ced before the departure of Mr. McCurdy
for Europe."

Will Give a Grand German.

Richmond Hive, No. 3, Ladies of the
Maccabees, will give a grand german on
next Friday night, February 23d, at
Belvidere Hall, beginning at 8:30 P. M.
A large attendance is expected.

North Carolina Party Cloudy and warmer Sunday; rain in western portion; Monday, partly cloudy; light to fresh east winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Richmond's weather was clear and cold.
Range of the thermometer:
9 A. M. 33 6 P. M. 40
10 A. M. 34 9 P. M. 39
11 A. M. 35 12 midnight 38
2 P. M. 32 12 midnight 39
(Average) 33.5-34.5

Highest temperature yesterday 41 Lowest temperature yesterday 31 Mean temperature yesterday 32 Normal temperature for February 36 Departure from normal temperature 04

Thermometer This Day Last Year

9 A. M. 34 6 P. M. 40
12 M. 42 9 P. M. 38
3 P. M. 45 12 midnight 34
(Average) 38.5-39.5
(At 8 P. M. Eastern Time.)

Conditions in Important Cities.

Place.	Ther.	High.	T.	Weather.
Asheville, N. C.	40	48	45	Cloudy
Augusta	48	54	51	Clear
Atlanta, Ga.	48	54	51	Clear
Charleston	44	52	48	Clear
Chicago, Ill.	38	44	41	Cloudy
Cincinnati, O.	34	40	38	Rain
Hatteras, N. C.	40	44	41	Clear
New York City	34	38	36	Clear
Norfolk, Va.	34	40	38	Clear
Pittsburg, Pa.	42	48	45	Clear
Raleigh	34	40	38	Clear
Washington	34	40	38	Clear
Wilmington	44	50	48	Clear

Miniature Almanac.

February 18, 1906.
LIGHT TIDE.
Sun rises 6:57
Sun sets 5:51
Moon rises 3:14

THREE RAILWAYS MAY BE MERGED

Rumor Says Pennsylvania Will
Acquire the R. F. & P. and
A. C. L.

OPTION AT GREAT ADVANCE

Relinquishing Old Charter R., F.
& P. Will Increase State's
Revenue.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and
Potomac Railroad bill, now before the
Legislature, which, if passed, will allow
the road not only to relinquish its old
charter and operate under the general
railroad acts, but, under certain restric-
tions, to combine with other roads, has
attracted additional interest since the
rumor has gone abroad that the Pen-
sylvania will absorb not only the Rich-
mond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac,
which it already controls, by reason of
its interest in the Baltimore and Ohio,
Norfolk and Western and Chesapeake
and Ohio, but also the Atlantic Coast
Line.

It is said that the Pennsylvania Rail-
road has an option in a majority of the
shares of the Atlantic Coast Line at \$300
per share, and that if the Richmond,
Fredericksburg and Potomac bill becomes
a law, will extend its lines to Florida.
The rumor comes from a trustworthy
source and must be of intense interest
to many in the State, where an immense
amount of the stock is held.

Increase State Revenues.

The action of the Richmond, Freder-
icksburg and Potomac in relinquishing
its charter will greatly benefit the reve-
nues of the State for it will mean an ad-
ditional income of something like \$102,500
per year.

As it now is, the road pays no taxes,
its original charter having granted free-
dom from taxation on tangible property.
If the bill passes the State will receive
taxes on about \$2,500,000 of property of

CITY IS TO PAY INDEBTEDNESS

Richmond Will Assume Responsi-
bility for Over Fifty-Five
Thousand Dollars.

JUDGE NICOL'S FINAL ORDER

Alexandria Jurist Enters His De-
cision—Thirty Days to Note
Appeal.

Shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday af-
ternoon Judge C. M. Nicol, of Alexan-
dria, who has heard the annexation pro-
ceedings, signed his final order which
grants to the city of Richmond about
three thousand acres of lands, gives her
an additional population of twelve thou-
sand and territory the taxable value of
which is about \$3,900,000.

Ninety days from date, the order goes
into effect. The board of supervisors of
the county have thirty days in which to
appeal from the decision to the Supreme
Court and they are given ten days in
which to execute a bond in the penalty
of \$500 to carry the case higher.

The bond will be made within the next
few days and, before any judge there-
of, test the constitutionality of the
act. The motions made by Common-
wealth's Attorney L. O. Wendenburg, of
Henrico, and overruled by Judge Nicol,
were, that the law is unconstitutional;
the ordinance and notice upon which the
proceedings were based does not comply
with the statute; that the evidence does
not comply with the statute and is in-
sufficient upon which to base a decree,
and that the court erred in the admissi-
bility of certain testimony excepted to
by the defendant. These are the points
that the higher court will pass upon.

It was after 12 o'clock yesterday when
Judge Nicol resumed the bench, the de-
lay being in securing the data compiled

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK AS CARTOONIST ROSTRUP SEES IT.

